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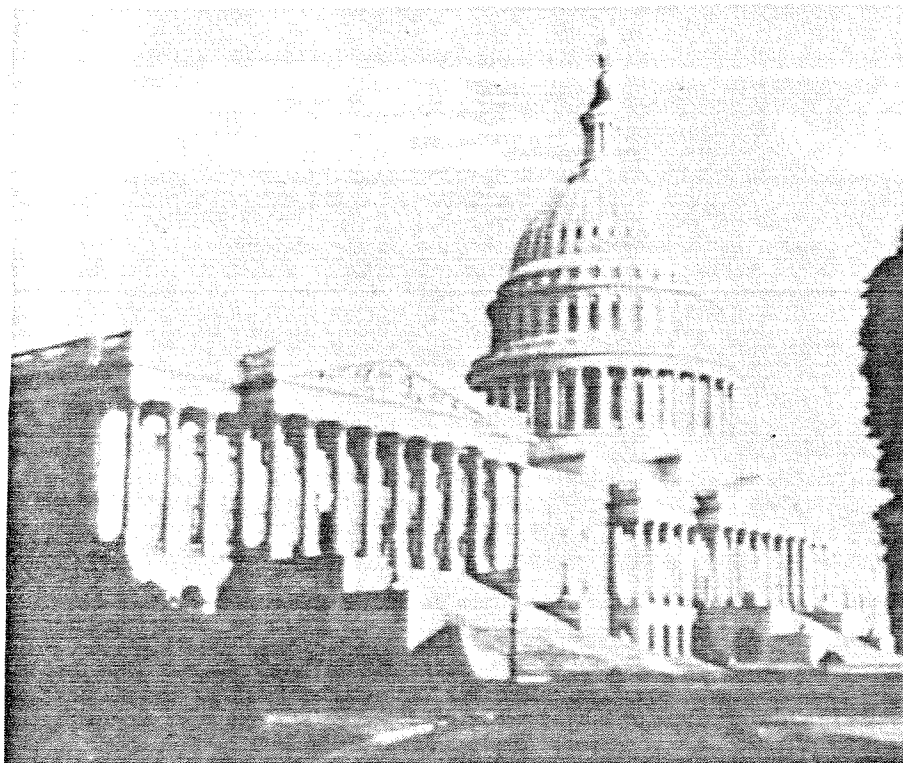
1974 CONVENTION WASHINGTON, D.C.



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"To preserve whate'er is left us of ancient heritage"

MARCH 1974



WASHINGTON — WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO SEE

Arlington, the site of our August convention, is a center of sightseeing activity for the Washington and Northern Virginia area. Within its confines are many of the world-famous sights people expect to see when they visit Washington—Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknowns, the Kennedy gravesites, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Netherlands Carrillon, the Pentagon and Arlington House—the Robert E. Lee National Memorial. It is a half-way point between Washington and such northern Virginia sights as Alexandria Mount Vernon, Gunston Hall, the National Masonic Memorial, and Woodlawn Plantation, and a gateway to Virginia and its historic attractions such as Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestowne Colony, and the Yorktown Battleground, not to mention literally hundreds of Civil War landmarks.

No more than ten minutes away from the Capitol and the White House, Arlington is closer to Washington landmarks than most of the residential areas within that city. One of the loveliest

view from the Nation's Capital is that of the green hills of Arlington standing across the Potomac River from historic Georgetown, the Kennedy Center, the Lincoln Memorial and the Jefferson Memorial. Just across the Potomac by car, bus or taxi is a wealth of sight-seeing which could take weeks—the National Archives, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, the FBI, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the National Portrait Gallery, the Freer and Corcoran galleries, the National Cathedral, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Washington Zoo and its famous Pandas, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, Ford's Theater and the House where Lincoln died, the National Geographic Explorer's Hall, the DAR Museum and Library, the Pan American Union, the National Historic Wax Museum, the U.S. Treasury, and scores more.

Your convention has been planned to allow you to make a week of it, allowing you to arrive over the weekend, in time

The Convention Site

Your convention hotel, the Stouffer's National Center Inn, is the Washington area's newest convention facility, offering almost 400 guest rooms, meeting rooms, sauna, health club, sundeck, swimming pool, and lavish dining facilities, and is connected by a pedestrian footbridge to the National Center Complex with its shops and offices.

Done in a nautical motif because of its proximity to U.S. Navy offices, the National Center Inn will have a grogshop, made to appear as a ship's hold, and a Galley Coffee-shop reminiscent of an old riverboat, which will serve you 24 hours a day. And, for elegance in dining you are invited to the Five Stars, the Captain's quarters for a varied menu of Stouffer favorites.

For those arriving by car—if the energy crisis permits—there is ample parking. Courtesy limousines will serve you door-to-door from Washington National Airport if you fly. For those arriving by bus or at the downtown air terminal from Dulles International Airport or Baltimore's Friendship Airport, it is about a fifteen minute taxi ride from the terminal. And, thanks to the management of the new facility which is pleased to host the NAMA during the first summer of operation, special room rates have been assured, not only for the convention, but for the remainder of the week if you wish. It can be said that for the Manx, off-season rates will apply at the peak of the tourist season.

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for the Sunday night reception at the Stouffer's National Center Inn, with its ample parking and courtesy limousine service from Washington National Airport, which is also in Arlington. And, when the convention ends on Wednesday noon, you will have the rest of the week for all the sightseeing—near and far—which the area has to offer, and the weekend to journey homeward. The Washington and Virginia travel bureaus will have ample maps and guide, booklets awaiting you, and the Stouffer's National Center Inn has agreed to retain the special low convention room rate for those desiring to remain there for the remainder of the week of the convention.

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obtained from the Editor, 36 Princess
Anne Dr., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 2B9, at
a cost of 25 cents post free.

**HIGH STANDARD OF EDUCATION
ON THE ISLE OF MAN**

The Isle of Man's Director of Educa-
tion is understandably jubilant over the
performance by Manx pupils in the
Advanced Level G.C.E. exams, figures
issued over the past few weeks. "A"
level gains were superior to those
obtained in the United Kingdom. A
Manx schoolboy has gained six distinc-
tions in his "A" level results — an
achievement thought to be unique in the
Island's history. (The Isle of Man
Examiner).

TODAY

THERE ARE TWO DAYS in every
week which should be kept free from
fear and apprehension. One is yesterday
with it's mistakes, faults and blunders.
The other is tomorrow with it's large
promise and poor performance. Yester-
day has passed forever beyond our
control. We cannot undo a single act we
performed; we cannot erase a single
world we said.

Yesterday is gone.

Tomorrow also is beyond our immedi-
ate control.

Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in
splendour or behind a mask of clouds-
but it will rise.

Until it does, we have no stake in
tomorrow, for it is as yet unborn. This
leaves only one day- today. Any man can
fight the battles of those two awful
eternities - yesterday and tomorrow -
that we break down.

Let us, therefore, live but one day at a
time.

Anonymous

SMILE

A child's idea of a balanced diet is a
candy bar in one hand and an ice-cream
cone in the other.

DUES ARE OVERDUE

N.A.M.A.

Notice to all delinquent members—

It was decided by the executive
committee at their meeting held in
November 1973 that delinquent mem-
bers will not receive any more bulletins
after this issue until their dues are paid
up to date.

A directory of all paid-up members
will be made up and printed in the year
between the 1974 and 1976 conventions.

Robert Kelly,
President

SUMMERLAND

Written by Effie Catherine Cooke-
Stevens
(Free Verse)

*MANNIX. - Lavender, Rose, Emerald-
Gold rests on pearl-tipped waves smiling
at Summer- who graceful and gay,
swings on the blue ribbon of the sea
smooth- gleaming with snowy spray.*

*Tiny crabs scuttle across the Sands
softly eluding the tiny hands of little
tots, racing up and down. Stooping to
gather the Dullish cool and brown*

*Visitors - so many of them - old and
young, resting on pads or on sunshade -
tipped chairs. On the Promenade - mist
is in the Air, soothing all hearts
destroying all Care.*

*Douglas - our Capital, beautiful whether
Night or Day, basking in soft breezes,
fresh and clean, with just that tinge of
Salt . . . Restful and Beautiful.*

*"Is that a soft grey smudge on the
Horizon - or is it a tiny Rain Cloud hiding
away from it's Mother - Storm?" "Let it
rain" people say. "Nothing can mar our
enjoyment of the coming eve".*

*Drums - Music - Song bursts from
Summerland . . .
The Beautiful, terraced Paradise of
Enjoyment.*

*Old and young gather together rushing
into it's welcoming arms.*

*Silently the tide rolls in,
No little ones now on the sands.
Music and Gaiety is calling . . .
"Come to Summerland." The Promenade
now teeming with people - brightly clad,
turning toward Summerland.*

*Soft, grey twilight, contrasting with
arrays of colored lights - So beautiful -
shimmering, quivering lights - enhanced
by the soft ruffling motion of Atmosphere
- BUT in the distance, approaches
unseen - softly creeping - is Winged
Destiny, driven by DEATH.*

*"What is that orange light?
Golden as if it were Early Dawn?"
"Could it be? - Oh No: Impossible!"
Then through the air - CRIES: - a Crash:
"God; Do not let it be that:"*

*Roaring - Crashing - Screams rose up-up-
UP to the Stars . . . Death and
Destruction rode high - that fateful
night. Broken by Despair and Sadness,
Singed by sultry Fire - which - in a few
minutes, destroyed SUMMERLAND.*

*But - rising high over our Irish Sea -
Coming in with the tide - is HOPE -
telling us that "God in His wisdom,
comes to us with the Dawn."*

**CONVENTION NEWS FROM
THE PRESIDENT-Mr. Bob Kelly**

Even though there is an energy crisis in the U.S.A., we are going ahead with our plans for the Convention to be held at Arlington, Virginia, August 18 to 21st. It is hoped that by the time of the convention this crisis will have passed. We hope all of you will encourage all Manxmen, both members of N.A.M.A. and friends, to make the August 1974 convention a part of their vacation. The convention is a wonderful place for a reunion and to meet new friends.

The executive committee, at their meeting in Cleveland last November, was enthusiastic about the convention in Arlington. All attending will have the opportunity to visit the many sights in the Washington, D.C. area and will have many happy memories to take home with them.

We are very fortunate in having Mr. Edward Sayle as our Convention Chairman who lives in Arlington, Virginia and is there on the spot to make our local arrangements.

Full information on the convention will be mailed sometime soon to all members. Watch the mails for it!

As in the past, there will be a souvenir book and prize distribution. Subscription books are being prepared and members will be receiving them, also. As usual, all prizes are donated and we are most grateful to Mr. Richard Corkill, our Honorary President, for his generous offer of the first prize. Norman Clucas has asked me to tell you that additional prizes are needed and will be greatly appreciated. If you wish, you may make a cash contribution so that some larger prizes may be obtained. Your donation, whether in the form of cash or a prize, should be sent to Mr. Norman Clucas, 201 South Maple, Itasca, Illinois, 60143.

"SOLILOQUY"

I looked into the heavens blue . . . And saw the clouds drift by . . . As fleeces upon a lazy wind . . . They hung there in the sky . . . Although they guideless seemed to be . . . Precision marked their gait . . . As if each one was on parade . . . And dared not enter late . . . A little while, and they were gone . . . And others came in view . . . To take their places high above . . . In Heaven's misty blue . . . And then into my thinking came . . . The thought that life at best . . . Is similar in many ways . . . To clouds that travel west . . . And even though we live to see . . . Our three score years and ten . . . It's very brief, this life on earth . . . Allotted unto men . . . Always should we remember then . . . Eternity is nigh . . . As life we enter . . . Drift away . . . Like clouds, high in the sky . . . So God, we ask for faith and strength . . . To live our best each day . . . And may we always honor Thee . . . In all we do and say.

1974 CONVENTION WASHINGTON, D.C.

**STOUFFER'S NATIONAL CENTER
INN, 2399 South Jefferson Davis High-
way, ARLINGTON, VA.**

REGISTRATION COMMENCES:

SUNDAY AUGUST 18th, 1974

CONVENTION CLOSES:

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21st 1974

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Convention Chairman:

Mr. Edward Sayle

Convention Co-ordinator:

Mr. Bob Kelly

Convention Accompanist:

Mrs. Clarice Caley

Convention Treasurer:

Mr. Stan Shimmin

Convention Security Co-ordinator:

Mr. Stan Shimmin

Registration:

Mrs. Mona Haldeman, Mrs. Edna
Cowin and members of the Cleveland
Manx Society.

Prize Distribution:

Mr. Clarence Creer and Mr. and Mrs.
Norman Clucas

Souvenir Booklet:

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice

Publicity:

Miss Margaret Joughin

Official Song Book:

Rev. James Caley

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Mr. Edward Sayle

Manx-Americans

**Plan Meeting in
Arlington Center**

The new Stouffer's National Center Inn in Arlington has been selected as the site of the 31st national convention of the North American Manx Association, to be held in August.

The 125-year old organization, which is comprised of 13 Manx societies and some 600 independent members in the United States and Canada, is a hereditary-ethnic group with origins and lineal descent from the Isle of Man, a tiny self-governing Crown dependency in the middle of the Irish Sea.

The association selected the National Center Inn, Arlington's newest convention facility, for the August 18-21 convention at a recent national board meeting in Cleveland.

Those of Manx origins or descent in the Washington area interested in the activities of the association or desiring to attend the convention should contact E.F. Sayle, the convention chairman, at 528-2528.

(Re-Printed from the Arlington Journal)

Tell your RELATIVES and FRIENDS especially those from the ISLE OF MAN about our 1974 NAMA CONVENTION THE TIME — AUGUST 18, 19, 20 and 21st, 1974.

THE PLACE — STOUFFER'S NATIONAL CENTER INN, ARLINGTON, VA.

ARLINGTON

The smallest county in Virginia Arlington, will be the home of NAMA's "Convention '74". Measuring only 25.8 square miles, Arlington represents that half of the District of Columbia retroceded to the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1846 by short-sighted planners who believed that Washington's growth would never extend beyond the half carved from the state of Maryland.

Originally named Nameroughquend by the Necostin Indians who settled the area at least 4,000 years ago, Arlington was first explored by Captain John Smith in July 1608. Though described by Henry Fleet in 1631 as "without question the most pleasant and healthful place in all this country, and most convenient for habitation, the air temperature in the summer and not violent in winter," it was not settled permanently until 1722 when the hostile Indians ceded the lands to Virginia. In the early colonial period it was the site of large plantations and fertile farmland homesteads, with perhaps the most famous plantation being that of Washington's adopted son, George Washington Parke Custis. Custis named his mansion "Arlington House," and placed it on the highest hill overlooking Washington. Closely associated with the mansion was General Robert E. Lee, Custis' son-in-law, who forfeited the estate to the Federal Government for his adherence to the Southern cause during the Civil War. The size of the estate can be best imagined when one realizes that both the Arlington National Cemetery and the mammoth Pentagon building are literally lost in its acreage.

TORONTO TO WASHINGTON

ANYONE INTERESTED IN GOING BY CHARTER BUS TO THE CONVENTION, LEAVING MIDNIGHT SATURDAY AUGUST 17th, BACK IN TORONTO THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd. FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WELCOME.

CONTACT: SAM PENRICE,
PHONE 416-877-2747

36 Princess Anne Dr.,
Georgetown, Ontario, L2G 3B9.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

1973 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR FOR OUR SOCIETY. We held ten meetings, a picnic, and a most enjoyable Christmas party. Participation in activities by most members lead to better committees and strengthened friendships. Despite rising costs, we operated within our budget and also sent a generous contribution to the Manx Summerland Disaster Fund. In addition, donations were made to our usual benefits and charities.

In January, Miss Helen Kewley showed I.O.M. slides taken when she and her sister, Amy Abell, were on holiday there last year. Everyone enjoyed them. A Valentine party with games and contests for everyone was February's theme. For March, a Manx "Show and Tell" program was scheduled. This is always popular for the members share old and new treasures, and give a bit of the articles' history. Our Entertainment Committee has planned a full program for 1974. Activities will include a card party to raise our customary gift to help fund the N.A.M.A. convention in August.

We regret that we lost eight of our faithful members last year. They will be missed but we are pleased to have their families active in carrying on the tradition of supporting things Manx.

Our elected officers for 1974 are:

President - Mrs. Robt. S. Cowin

Vice-President - Mrs. Floyd McClure

Secretary - Miss Elizabeth Clucas,
3795 Glenwood Rd., Cleveland Hts.,
Ohio 44121

Assistant to the Secretary - Mrs. Carol Grigsby

Treasurer - Mrs. Richard R. Kelly

Trustees - Mrs. L. K. Abell, Robert S. Cowin, and Fred Gorry

Honorary Trustee - Richard R. Kelly

Marge Krach, Publicity,
319 Ridgeview Drive
Seven Hills
Cleveland, Ohio 44131

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

On December 8th 1973, a most delightful Christmas Party was held at the lovely home of Malcolm & Joyce Kinley in Costa Mesa. Thirty-nine members and friends of the Southern Calif. Manx Society were the guests attending. Every-one really had a great time. We all sang Manx songs & Christmas Carols, with Clarice Caley

playing for us on the organ. We played games, and an exchange of gifts for all. Rev. James Caley showed many beautiful slide pictures on his screen of their trip last Summer to the Holy Land, also pictures taken at the Manx picnic in Long Beach last Summer. One of the guests was Mrs. Pauline Burt, who was visiting in Southern Calif. from Ramsey Isle of Man. Mrs. Burt (nee Howland) is the wife of Mr. Kevin Burt, who is with the Electricity Board at Laxey. She came to So. Calif. in December to see her sister Mrs. Hilary Harrison who was ill in the hospital. Joyce served a most excellent 'Afternoon Tea' with all her usual homemade Manx goodies.

Every-one agreed it was a lovely party. Our next meeting will be held early in March.

Ellen Bain, Sec'y. Treas.,
132 Bonita Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif. 90802

BISBEE ARIZONA MANX SOCIETY

The December meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ivy Dillon with 21 members in attendance, a good time was had by all with a sing-song, games and prizes, followed by a lunch of Christmas fare. The January meeting with the election of officers took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin with 22 members attending. The evening was spent playing Bingo and many lovely prizes were won, these were donated by the Hostess.

Several members of the Society are presently ill in hospital, and good wishes go out to them for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Ivy Dillon and her brother Cecil Corrin were leaving on a trip to Torrance, California, to visit their sisters — Gladys and Bessie who have recently been quite ill in hospital, they are presently both undergoing treatment.

Below is the new slate of officers for 1974:-

President - Cobey Kennaugh

Vice-Pres. - Mr. Leland Chick

Secretary - Mrs. Ivy Dillon

Treasurer - Christine Rothery

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Annie Rothery.

(Mrs.) Ivy Dillon, Secretary,
207 Hazzard Street,
Bisbee, Arizona 85603.

CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

The Chicago Manx Society is planning a dinner sometime in the spring to celebrate its 101st Anniversary. Members will be receiving a notice of this sometime soon.

LOS ANGELES

Although small in numbers the Los Angeles Manx met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nugent for a get-together on Boxing Day, everyone had a good time and enjoyed a delicious lunch. The following week another meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lillian Marrion Tipper, this was arranged so that Mrs. Nugent's sister — Kitty Mosling from Douglas, Isle of Man could meet all the Manx folk in the area. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cannell also arranged a luncheon for the Manx visitor.

It was unfortunate that Mr. Nugent was rushed to hospital a few days later, he is now at home again. Mrs. Tipper had her daughter Peggy and her husband visit for the festive season, after a ten year stay in Las Vegas they have moved to Lake Havasu. Mrs. Tipper hopes to visit them in their new home in February.

GALVA, ILLINOIS

Although weatherwise, a cheerless day, on Sunday afternoon, January 20, the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Illinois was filled with cheer and happy faces as guests, numbering almost 300, gathered to help their friend of long standing, the Rev. John Clarke, celebrate his eighty-fourth birthday. The guests who arrived from twenty surrounding towns included several Manx friends from Galva, Kewanee, and Peoria. The honored guest received many gifts and more than three hundred cards.

Mrs. Clyde Collinson
R.R. #2,
Galva, Ill., 61434. U.S.A.

TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

Our December meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Penrice in Georgetown. It was a lovely winter's night and the Christmas spirit was in evidence at our gathering. It was a most enjoyable evening due to the gracious hospitality of our hosts.

We do not plan to hold any meetings during the severe winter months and our next meeting is scheduled for March 2nd.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Holt. (Ben and Ellie), who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Thursday, January 10th. From all accounts it was a very happy and memorable day.

Marion E. McLaren,
106 Hiltz Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.
M4L 2N5

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION Programme of events — 1974.

May 9th, (Thurs) 2:30 p.m. to Peel for tea at 4:15 p.m.

June 13th, (Thurs) 6:30 p.m. to South of Island Supper, 8:15 p.m.

July 7th, (Sunday) 2:15 p.m. to North of Island Tea and on to Evening Service in N. of Island.

August 15th, (Thurs) 2:30 p.m. to Ballaugh for Tea.

September 12th, (Thurs) 2:30 p.m. to South of Island for Tea.

July 5th, The Annual gathering of the W.M.A. will be held at the Castle Mona Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man. A very warm welcome is given to all Manx folk visiting Ellan Vannin. One representative from each Society is asked to be the guest of the W.M.A. Any Homecomer is very welcome at all these events, when on the Island please phone Douglas 6741 for further details.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE CONVENTION

FOR THOSE TRAVELLING TO THE CONVENTION BY CAR, THE PRESENT ENERGY CRISIS MAY PRESENT SOME PROBLEMS. WHY NOT FORM CAR POOLS, DOUBLE UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS OR PERHAPS CHARTER A BUS.

PUBLIC RELATIONS 6 COMMANDMENTS

(Copied from IODE. "Echoes" publication).

- (1) Thou shalt not demand or complain.
- (2) Thou shalt be considerate and tolerant.
- (3) Thou shalt TYPE THY NEWS ON WHITE PAPER, DOUBLE SPACED, NAMES CORRECT.
- (4) Thou shalt KNOW THE DEADLINE DATE, OF THE NEWS MEDIA.
- (5) Thou shalt write a story not minutes.
- (6) Thou shalt be BRIEF, SIMPLE AND CLEAR.

CONTRIBUTORS

Contributors are welcome to send items, articles, etc., which could be of interest to our readers, please follow the above "commandments". The Bulletin is published four times a year — March, June, September and December.

"TO THE LADIES"

You will be reading in the other pages of this Bulletin about the time, date, and the wonderful plans that are being made for our next convention. Indications are that this should be a most interesting gathering with entertainment of interest to all ages.

Let's be sure that the Ladies Auxiliary does its share in working towards the success of this convention. August will be upon us before we know it, so start working immediately to raise funds for the Auxiliary, whether you have a Society in your vicinity or not.

Pres. of Ladies Aux.
Mrs. Helen Clucas
201 S. Maple Ave.
Itasca, Illinois, 60143

P.S. —

Remember to send in your dues of \$1.00 (for two years) to Miss Elinor Cain, 4075 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio, 44121

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Richard Corkill, NAMA Honorary President, travelled to Cleveland for their 7th Annual Christmas Party. This loyal Manxman travels many miles "to preserve what'er is left us of ancient heritage".

A visitor over the holidays with Mrs. Edith Gurney and Mr. and Mrs. Haldeman was Mrs. Ethel Christian from Largo, Florida, whilst there she visited many friends and also attended the Installation of Officers in Job's Daughters, where Gail Haldeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haldeman and granddaughter of Mrs. Gurney was installed in the high office of Honoured Queen.

The many friends of Mr. Fred Caveen of Toronto, will be sorry to learn he is not too well at present, good wishes go to him for a speedy recovery, his address is: Apt. 1608, 250 Davenport Rd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The Grand Chapter of the ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA in the Province of Ontario, recently spent a Good-Will Tour and winter holiday in Nassau and the Bahamas. Sam and Hilda Penrice were among the party of 219, when Sam attended a Lodge meeting of the Victoria Chapter in Nassau, he was amazed to meet a fellow Manxman a Mr. Leonard Thomas formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man, where he attended Murray's Road school, at one time he also lived in Foxdale. He left the Island with his parents to reside in Barrow, he was then stationed in Nassau with the R.A.F., he

is now an Accountant and he and his wife have lived in Nassau about 18 years, it's really a small world.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Jones of Cheshire, England are planning to attend the NAMA Convention in August, Mrs. Jones M.B.E. is a sister of Mrs. Sam Penrice, Mr. Sydney Boulton and his wife Edna of Ramsey are also planning to be present, Sydney is the well known reporter of the Isle of Man "Examiner" his column "About People" is widely read on this Continent, he attended the 1972 Convention at Niagara Falls, Canada.

PORTRAIT OF MR. WALTER STEVENSON

For many years Mr. Stevenson has been a regular contributor to the NAMA Bulletin, his interesting articles have appeared from time to time and have been greatly enjoyed. As he remarks himself it seems rather strange that he should write items about his beloved Isle of Man after being away from it for more than 66 years. He left the Isle of Man for Vancouver, B.C. in June 1907 at the age of 19 years, was a charter member of the Vancouver Manx Society, possibly one of the few remaining charter members left.

For many years he lived in Chicago, he was blessed with the talent of a magnificent bass voice, which he used to good advantage, his services were always in demand at Clubs, Lodges, Schools and other organizations, his wife Doris was a very talented pianist, organist and coach, she accompanied her husband on his singing engagements, Mr. Stevenson also gave illustrated lectures on "Manxland and the Manx". In 1929 he sang at the inauguration of the late President Hoover and had the honour of meeting him in person at the White House. Mr. Stevenson now lives in Scottsdale, Arizona with his daughter Myrra and her husband, and two granddaughters, Jennifer, and Julie, both his daughter and granddaughters inherited his great musical ability, and take part in piano, choirs and glee clubs. We salute this fine Manxman.

"JUNIOR CLEVELAND" FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

A "JUNIOR CLEVELAND" competition to find the best of the young singers taking part will be a feature of the 1974 Guild — the Manx Music Festival. This was revealed at the annual general meeting held in Douglas, Isle of Man by the Secretary, who said a Sheffield steel salver had been presented for it by Dr. Glover. It is to be awarded to the best soloist in the junior classes. This will mean a Cleveland Medal style competition.

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

By Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
1223 W. Melrose Drive
Westlake, Ohio 44145

The Holidays are usually a busy time of year for everyone with social affairs but this year genealogy interest was active and time was at a premium.

We discovered, to our delight, that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) in the Westlake area had opened a Genealogical Library. They have over two hundred rolls of microfilm of Manx Records, including births, marriages, deaths, census, etc. (Duplicates of these in the Manx Museum in the Isle of Man.)

In order to use these records and research your family, you should know what part of the Island they came from, dates of births or deaths, etc. and know names of other members of the family. Knowing this you could then visit their nearest library and check the Isle of Man Index Roll to decide which film would be most likely to show the data sought. They will charge you a small fee (approx. \$1.00 per roll) and order it from their main library located in Salt Lake City, Utah. When it comes in they will contact you and the roll will be available to you for inspection for two weeks. They have Microfilm Readers so you can bring your notes and copy what you need. A phone call to your local Church will tell you if this is available in your area and give you more details.

They also have an excellent Research Paper on the Isle of Man available showing what types of records exist, what periods of time the records cover, what genealogical information appears in the records, and the availability of the records. The cost of the paper is 50c and should be ordered from the:

General Church Distribution Center
P.O. Box 11627
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We have recently been checking the Early Manx Settlers in our area, their first church and school, and the pioneers who made a name for themselves in the new world. More of this will appear in future columns.

SAYINGS AND PROVERBS

(Manx and Otherwise)

"No skin of my nose"
"Full of old Nick, as an egg is full of meat"
"Fish of one and flesh of another"
"Blood is thicker than water"
"He who lies down with the dogs, gets up with the fleas"
"Going to the goat's house for wool"
"When one poor man helps another poor man, God Himself laughs"

"THE ISLAND OF MY DREAMS"

*Nestling in the sea, this land which
through the years
To me remains unseen,
Yet in my dreams and thoughts it's
beauty I've beheld
My Isle of Man.*

*For in my veins the blood of Manxmen
courses well
And kin are mine both now and
yesterday.*

*In Nordic Wicks, King Orry's fallen sleep
Yet they the Tynwald sacredly
preserved*

*The flyfot, the Hallmark of our race
became.*

*And eloquence of mind and thoughts
bequeathed*

*To paint with words, life's pictures at
their best*

A Manxman's heritage.

*Guard well this Island of my dreams I
pray*

*While we our vivid mental pictures
paint*

*Of Braddan, fertile valleys, Bungalow
and Colooney's Cooil*

*Where Cousin George his letters, tapes
prepares*

*To give us yet a glimpse of our ancestral
past.*

*An American, yes I am forever proud to
be*

*And with Manx blood yet stronger
grows my faith*

*For from the melting pot of races virtues
come*

*And my ancestral heritage the catalyst
provides.*

*Live on, Oh Island of my dreams, always
And may the years enhance your beauty
still*

*As tides with gentleness caress, the
outline of your shores.*

*Preserve not just outward beauty seen
But well the faith and love of those who
call it home.*

T.V. Teare

Original poem by Tom V. Teare
St. Joseph, Missouri

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"As stiff as Kitty's leg"
"A devil you know, is better than one
you don't know"
"Cut off your nose to spite your face"
"However black the raven, he'll find a
mate"
"A change is as good as a rest"
"As slow as a wet week"
"Doin' nothin' an doin' it well"

CHATTING by HEP.

Who does the letter writing in your home? Come on now be honest; I'm sure in 9 cases out of 10 the wife does all the correspondence. This has gone on in our household for the past 34 years, too late to change now, friend husband always has the best answer- "You do it so much better than I", it is a compliment I suppose, but a left handed one.

Have you ever noticed how eager the mail is welcomed by the reluctant correspondent?, even though he or she never puts pen on paper to anyone, without fail they ask every day "Has the mail arrived yet? I think it is only fair that when mail comes addressed to Mr. & Mrs. the letter writer should have first chance to read the mail. I think most husbands in the business world are so used to dictating letters to their Secretaries, mostly brisk business letters, they really wouldn't know how to write about the trivial everyday events which are usually contained in letters to friends and relatives, letter writing is somewhat of an art, one must enjoy sending and receiving letters and keeping in touch with people.

I will tell you about the exception to the rule, I remember when my parents were living, Father attached great importance to the written word, he was an excellent correspondent, he would write page after page with obvious enjoyment, he had some help from Mother who was a great gatherer of the local news, I can see them now Mother dictating and Father patiently putting it all down on paper, Mother could write, but why should she bother, it was a perfectly good arrangement which suited them both. Another thing I remember was the sending of Christmas cards, Mother would read the verse out loud (in those days all cards had lovely sentimental verses) and decide which message was appropriate to the individual friend or relative, Father duly addressed them and sent them on their way.

We had our first lessons in letter writing almost every Sunday when we were young, we were expected to write to an unknown "Uncle Willie and Auntie Mary" in Australia, being sure the address and date was correct, the heading which was always the same went like this- "I hope this finds you well, as it leaves us at the present time". However it was excellent training. We once had a little arrangement that friend husband would write and keep in touch with his family and I would do the same, this went by the board years ago, but secretly I do enjoy writing and receiving letters, I don't want to give it up, so this arrangement suits us perfectly too.

LOONEY OF BALLAGILLEY

Little did Robert Looney, a Manx farmer from Ballagilley, Maughold, realize when he arrived in the New World about 1731, that he and his descendants would be recorded in the annals of their new land as frontiersmen and patriots.

Records show that by 1734, Robert Looney and his wife, Elizabeth Llwellyn, and at least seven sons (they were to have 14 sons!), were in Philadelphia where they joined an expedition into the Colony of Virginia. The following year he settled on a patent of 294 acres—for which he was to pay the Crown land rent of one shilling a year—on the south bank of the Cohongoronta (Upper Potomac) River, probably near present day Hagerstown, Maryland. By 1739-40, Robert Looney and his family moved southward through the Shenandoah Valley, finally settling on a grant of 250 acres on the James River, in what was to become Augusta County, and later part of Botetourt County, where another Manxman, Israel Christian, had prospered, was to donate the lands for the County Seat, and became a man of influence in colonial politics. In 1742, Robert gained another 400 acres in grants, and became one of the most prosperous farmers in the area, with his own mill, orchards, nursery, cattle and horses, and even operated a ferry across what may still be found today not far from Natural Bridge—Looney's Mill Creek. At least three of his sons served in the Augusta County Militia.

One of these sons, Absolem, was of a true frontier spirit, trapping and hunting in the rugged southwest of the colony, Virginia's last frontier. There, while living in caves to avoid the Indians Absolem discovered a fertile valley, rich in blue grass pastures, to which he led his family and some followers and founded a new settlement, at least four years before that noted frontier explorer, Daniel Boone, arrived in the same area to build a fort only six miles from Absolem's homestead. To this day, the quiet valley some seventeen miles from Bluefield, Virginia, is known as "Abb's Valley," in honor of its discoverer, Absolem Looney.

Indian attacks on these frontier communities were not uncommon, but soon the Indians were to be joined by a new ally, the French, and the settlers were swept violently into the bloody conflict between the British and the French known as the "Seven Years War," of which the American engagements have been called the "French and Indian War." General Braddock, the British Commander-in-Chief, was mortally wounded and his regiments turned to route at the "Battle of the Wilderness": Col. George Washington, commander of the Virginia militia, lost most

of his men in the same engagement. The picture was grim—no regular army, no militia to protect the settlers. Robert Looney's son, Peter, was captured by the Indians and held prisoner at Fort Detroit for almost a year, dying three years after his release. Another son, Samuel Looney, was killed by the Indians in 1760, and the homestead of Robert's daughter, Lucy Jane, was raided and looted by the Indians. Robert Looney, mindful of his responsibilities to his family and followers, erected a fort, Fort Looney, one of the fortifications recorded as resisting the Indian and French depredations until the end of the war in 1763, and provided provisions for the militia. Absolem, recalled from Abb's Valley with his family to assist his father in building the fort, was to learn that those who remained in his valley settlement had been massacred by the Indians, a fate which would later befall him at Dunkard's Spring, Virginia, between 1791-96.

But the end of the Indian Wars was not to spare the Looney family. During the American Revolution, two of Robert Looney's sons, Absolem and David were to see duty—Absolem in patriotic service in support of the military forces under General Washington, and David as a Major in the North Carolina Militia. And, three of Absolem's sons, like the offspring of his brothers, were to serve in the Virginia Militia, with one dying of gunshot wounds in both legs after his role in the American victory at the Battle of King's Mountain in North Carolina.

Absolem's son, Michael, homesteaded after the revolution in Eastern Tennessee, where his log cabin stood until 1919, and where the 1,500 acre farm he acquired at a half-shilling an acre is still held by his heirs. Others moved westward into Missouri, and as LeRoy Tilton tells in his "Early Looney's in America," the seven branches of the family founded by Robert Looney's sons have extended into more than fifteen states. NAMA member Elizabeth Looney of Washington, D.C., the family generalist, continues to assemble data on the achievements of the descendants of Robert Looney of Ballagilley.

*Don't look for the flaws as you go thru'
life,
and even if you find them;
it's wise to be kind and somewhat blind,
and look for the virtues behind them.*

(Written in Bessie Auty's album in 1910 on her departure from the Island by Mrs. Hamster of Tromode.)

CELTIC AND SCANDINAVIAN RUNIC CROSSES OF THE ISLE OF MAN

Walter J. Stevenson

The Isle of Man has the largest and finest collection of old Celtic and Scandinavian Runic Crosses to be found anywhere in the world. There are 140 of them—48 of which belong to the Scandinavian period, covering about 600 years. Early in the 13th. century the great art which had been practiced in the Isle of Man for so many centuries died away.

A Runic Cross is a stone monument with the symbol of a cross and inscribed with runes or letters of the runic alphabet. They were usually erected by one friend in memory of another, and although they bear the symbol of a cross there is nothing of christian sentiment attached to them. The early Norsemen were pagan, but they were noted for their great love of liberty. The 24 letters or runes of the runic alphabet served the literature of the ancient Scandinavian countries of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

The largest collection of these old crosses is found at Kirk Maughold church, where there are 42 of them. Maughold Church is the oldest existing church on the Island and dates back to the 13th century. It was named after Saint Machutus—a follower of Saint Patrick and is referred to as the "Cradle of Christianity" on the Isle of Man. Saint Machutus died in 533 A.D. and was buried in Kirk Maughold churchyard. Many ancient rulers are buried at Kirk Maughold, including Bishop Roolwer who was the first Bishop of the Island. He died in 1065 A.D. The late Sir Hall Caine was buried there in 1931. An earlier Celtic church or monastery is said to have occupied the same site as early as the 6th century A.D.

Most of the Scandinavian Crosses were found in the north of the Island. The famous "Thor Cross" was found in the Parish of Bride. For many centuries these stone monuments remained unmolested in the old cemeteries or churchyards as they were called.

Professor Carl S. Marstrand of Norway, one of the most distinguished authorities of the Celtic language in Europe, when visiting the Isle of Man in 1940, said "You have here in the Isle of Man something that is unique, which even the Louvre in Paris with all its resources could not buy, — a collection of crosses that is without parallel in the whole world. One hundred and fifty years before latin letters were brought into Norway and our early literature was written down, these myths were on record in the Isle of Man not simply written but figured on stone slabs. The wood carvings in Norway which figure the same subjects are centuries later and are not at all so expressive or so primitive as those in the Isle of Man".

OBITUARIES

BLACK, Elsie (nee Mylroi), born in Laxey, Isle of Man, dear wife of Colin Robert, dearly adored Mother of the late Colin Stuart and Marjorie Doreen, beloved Mother-in-law of Richard Michael Straka, dear Sister of the late John of Kimberly, South Africa, the late Thomas of Hartlepool, England, and the late Sarah Clark of Dandenong, Victoria, Australia, passed away in Lakewood, Ohio on August 31, 1973. Mrs. Black was the beloved Daughter of the late Benjamin (builder) and the late Annie Mylroi of Laxey, and the Granddaughter of the late John (also a builder) and the late Sarah Mylroi. Although Mrs. Black resided in the United States for 44 years, she never lost her great love for the Isle of Man and was well informed about Manx affairs and had several trips back to the island. She was flown home to rest in the family grave at Lonan beside her son, Stuart. Burial was on Tuesday, September 18th. Services were conducted at Lonan Parish Church by the Rev. Copner. Mrs. Black's daughter, Marjorie, and son-in-law, Richard, flew over to the Isle of Man from Ohio for the funeral.

COPE, Mrs. Mabel W., passed away on December 31st 1973, age 76 years, in Victoria, B.C., formerly of Montreal P.Q. Mrs. Cope is survived by her husband James, 2 sons, Colin in Montreal and Ian in Oakville, Ontario; 1 daughter Mrs. S. (Mame) Hulowski of Victoria, 12 grandchildren, 1 great grandson, 1 brother Fred Caveen in Toronto, Ontario; 2 sisters Ada Quayle and Dorothy Calderbrook both on the Isle of Man. Funeral service was held on January 4th 1974, with the Rev. H. Hunter officiating.

FARAGHER, Mrs. Alice M. (nee Kermodé), passed away on December 18th 1973, at her home after a long illness, although born and raised in Cleveland, the late Mrs. Faragher had a lifetime interest in all things Manx. She and her late husband Robert, visited the Isle of Man in 1937 with the Homecomers, this was the highlight of a lifetime visiting the many cousins, such as the Kermodés, Crellins, Pickards and Irvings, who still reside there. The late Mrs. Faragher is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Robert Thormann, (Ruth); and Mrs. Thomas Fabel (Eileen); and two sisters, Mrs. Belle Stables; and Mrs. Esther Taylor; one brother Raby Kermodé. Three brothers, Allan, William and Fred and a sister Fenelia Kermodé predeceased her.

HOWLETT, Mrs. Greeba, Gale, passed away on December 18th 1973, age 82 years, formerly of Rochester and the Cleveland area. Mrs. Howlett was a former member of the Rochester Manx Society, her parents were William and Christian Anne Gale from Ramsey and Peel Isle of Man respectively. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Allen (Gale) Sutton of Ohio and Mrs. Ward (Ellen) Kipp of Rush; one son, John of Warsaw and one sister, Mrs. Karl Schmaker and one brother, Lemuel Gale, both of Florida; thirteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Interment took place at Maplewood Cemetery.

NICHOLL, Mrs. Minnie (nee Callow), beloved wife of the late Thomas H., passed away Monday, January 7, 1974 after a brief illness. Mrs. Nicholl was born in Onchan 91 years ago and was a good friend and loyal member of the Cleveland Manx Society. Her daughter-in-law, May Nicholl, past Vice President of Cleveland Manx and an energetic worker, brought her to all the affairs of the Society including the Christmas Party in December. Mrs. Nicholl was the mother of Cyril A., and the late James and Douglas; grandmother of six; great grandmother of four; and sister of Miss Ada Callow of Southlands, Port Erin, Isle of Man.

STANTON, Mrs. Catherine, passed away June 1st 1973, at Woodstock, Ontario, at the home of her daughter-in-law. Mrs. Stanton was born on the Isle of Man June 4th 1888 and was a long time member of the NAMA, she was a dear friend of Mr. Walter Stevenson, Arizona and also a very close friend of the Late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly. The funeral was conducted on June 4th by the Rev. Alex Cock of Detroit, formerly Chaplain to the NAMA.

WATTERSON, John. On December 24, 1973 private funeral services were held for John Watterson, age 90, beloved husband of the late Margaret. Mr. Watterson was born in Peel, Isle of Man and emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio many years ago. He spent a happy three month holiday in his beloved Island in 1972. He is survived by four nephews, Robert Watterson and Thomas, Norman and Edward Keig. Mr. Watterson was a long-time member of the Cleveland Manx Society.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I am writing this on a glorious February day beside the Pacific Ocean which forms the western boundary of my parish. Beyond the blue miles of water lie the Hawaiian Islands where my countryman John Dominique LaMothe was bishop 50 years ago. This bishop bore the same name as his eminent ancestor, a French ship's surgeon, who was captured at sea in the 18th century and imprisoned in Castle Rushen. He cured the governor's wife of a sickness and was released and married a Manx girl, Margaret Cowell. Beyond the Islands lie the the Philippines and beyond them Japan.

But out there in the blue ocean I see something else. I am walking now along the Howe Road from Onchan to Groudle - across the tram-line and down into the glen - across the Groudle River and up the other side to Baldroma Beg - along the lane with the sea on my right and up on the left the farmhouse and other buildings of Baldroma. Soon on my right appear the buildings of Ballavarrane where the Clagues have lived for generations. Now before me on my right a small grove of trees reveals an ancient church building. I nip over a hedge and cross a field and climb a stile in the churchyard wall and sit down on the grass in the sacred precincts of Old Lonan Church.

Here before me is ancient history - one of the first churches in the oldest and smallest diocese of the Anglican Church - a church partly in ruins and partly rebuilt by Canon John Quine - a church replacing an ancient keeill, which itself was no doubt built on a druid place of worship. Around me stand Norse and Celtic gravestones, all of them priceless as to their historical and archaeological significance.

But again - I see more than this shrine dedicated to St. Adamnan. I see the battlements and ramparts of the City of God. I see the massive walls and towers and gates and spires of the city whose builder and maker is God.

And in the murmur of the waves here by the Pacific Ocean I hear again those sublime words taught to me by Canon Quine himself and surely he was one of our great saints:-

"Where high the heavenly temple stands
The House of God not made with hands
A Great High Priest our nature wears
The Guardian of mankind appears."

OBITUARIES

To those members sending in Obituary notices would you please include the name and address of next of kin.

To relatives and friends of the above we offer our deep and sincere sympathy.